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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents **BOX PATENT APPLICATIONS**Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter the below noted amendment prior to substantive examination of the above-referenced new application.

## In the Specification:

Page 1, following the title and inventor, please replace the current paragraph with the new paragraph as follows: F-This application is a continuation application of pending application PCT/US98/20164, filed September 22, 1998; U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/059,709, filed September 22, 1997, now abandoned, U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/065,424, filed November 13, 1997, now abandoned, and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/080,586, filed April 3, 1998, now abandoned, all entitled Asymmetric Satellite-Based Internet Service and having the same inventor as the present application, all herein incorporated by reference.—